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SUBJECT: TRANSITIONAL QUARTER IV NOMINATION

1. EMBASSY NOMINATES ZANA DAO, DIRECTOR OF CABINET, MINISTRY OF PLAN, FOR 30 DAY IV GRANT FUNDED FROM TRANSITIONAL QUACYER ALLOCATION.

2. BIODATA: DAO HAS BEEN DIRECTOR OF CABINET FOR THE MINISTRY OF PLAN SINCE IT WAS CREATED IN SEPTEMBER 1975. PRIOR TO THAT HE SERVED AS CHIEF OF STATISTICS SERVICE, MINISTRY OF PLAN, AND AS COUNSELOR OF THE MALIAN PERMANENT MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS. DAO WAS BORN AT KOUTIALA, MALI, IN 1934 AND EDUCATED IN MALI AND IN FRANCE WHERE HE TOOK HIS DEGREE IN ECONOMICS. HE IS MARRIED TO OUMOU DEMBELE AND IS THE FATHER OF AT LEAST TWO CHILDREN.

3. JUSTIFICATION: THE MINISTRY OF PLAN HAS, SINCE ITS CREATION, TAKEN ON AN INCREASINGLY LARGE ROLE IN THE COORDINATION OF MALIAN GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES AND ESPECIALLY OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. THIS MINISTRY HAS THUS BEEN CHOSEN AS ONE OF THE TARGET MINISTRIES IN THE EMBASSY'S COUNTRY PLAN FOR CULTURAL EXCHANGE ACTIVITIES. AS NO. 2 MAN IN THE MINISTRY UNDER VICE PRESIDENT BABA DIARRA, DAO IS IN A KEY POSITION OF INFLUENCE. A BROAD EXPOSURE TO THE UNITED STATES WOULD INCREASE HIS AWARENESS OF AMERICAN ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL PROCESSES AND WOULD GREATLY FACILITATE THIS EMBASSY'S WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH
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4. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: DAO SHOULD SPEND A WEEK IN WASHINGTON MEETING WITH WORLD BANK GROUP AND WITH STATE DEPARTMENT AND USAID OFFICIALS. HE SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY WELL BRIEFED ON AID PROCESSES AND GUIDELINES. HE MIGHT MEET WITH CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS ON THE FOREIGN RELATIONS AND APPROPRIATION COMMITTEES TO DISCUSS FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. IN ADDITION, HE SHOULD MEET WITH PERSONS RESPONSIBLE FOR LONG-RANGE ECONOMIC PLANNING IN DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE, LABOR OR TREASURY AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES LIKE BROOKINGS. TRAVEL ABOUT THE US SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO GIVE HIM THE BROADEST POSSIBLE EXPOSURE TO THE DIVERSITY OF THE AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM. HE SHOULD MEET WITH CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNERS TO GET AN IDEA OF HOW PLANNING IS DONE AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. HE MIGHT WISH TO SPEND A DAY OR TWO TALKING TO UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS ABOUT INTERNATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS.

5. DAO SPEAKS SOME ENGLISH BUT WOULD NEED AN INTERPRETER-ESCORT.

6. REGRET DEPARTURE OF PAO FOR FATHER'S FUNERAL DELAYED SUBMISSION THIS NOMINATION. REQUEST DAO CANDIDACY STILL BE CONSIDERED FOR TQ FUNDING. RAWSON

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